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MEAT SHORTAGE NECESSITATES
HIGHER FISH CATCH IN 1949

60,000 TONS OF FISH IN 1949 -- Trybuna Ludu, No 71, 13 Mar 49

In the face of the continued shortage of meat and the increased consumption of fish, it is imperative that a great effort be made to increase the fish catch in 1949 in order to feed the working population. The total catch for 1948 was 48,000 tons of fish. The completion of the plan for 1949, which foresees a 60,000-ton catch of fish valued at 3,423,000,000 zlotys, is a difficult problem.

Financial help for fishermen and betterment of working conditions are included in government plans.

Heretofore a succession of taxes impeded the development of the industry. A new tax policy based on social justice became effective 1 March. A bonus for each effort to increase the fish supply is also foreseen.

A system of social savings for fishermen is planned; the system would secure a maximum effort from the fishing cutters and considerably improve conditions for the poorer fishermen.

Further assistance to the fisherman to help increase production is planned in the way of government investigation of fishing grounds, speedy reports of existing sand banks, additional training, increased recreational facilities, and assistance in equipping the poorest fisherman.

In order to carry out these plans and to be able to expand and modernize deep-sea fishing enterprises, the fisheries budget in the investment plan was increased 569 million zlotys.

The yield of the deep-sea fisheries relieves the need for imports and consequently save foreign exchange. In the 1945-1948 period the savings amounted to about 25,001,020 dollars.

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ENTERPRISE GETS TEN CUTTERS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 76, 18 Mar 49

The Arka state enterprise recently acquired ten steel cutters and introduced various changes in the fishing methods which increased the yield. The cutter were equipped with sonic depth finders and radio telephones to facilitate navigation and the discovery of fishing grounds.

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